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Fox River Park Dedication Ceremony

Waukesha, WIS. – Waukesha County Executive Daniel M. Finley cordially invites you to attend the Fox River Park Dedication Ceremony on Friday, June 20, at 10 a.m.

The park is a 262-acre site, called for in the Park and Open Space Development Plan, that provides land-based recreational opportunities in the south central portion of the County, while protecting our environmentally sensitive woodlands, wetlands, and wildlife habitat. The \$2,328,488 project was conducted in three phases.

“Through careful planning as established by the Park and Open Space Development Plan, the park will provide residents and visitors with recreational opportunities that enhance their quality of life while maintaining our high quality natural resource base,” said Finley.

The first phase of park development included erosion control measures, tree and shrub removal for roadways, rough and fine grading, seeding of lawn and old field mixes, road base construction, and a first course of asphalt.

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The second phase provided for the installation of picnic shelters, restrooms, utilities, sand volleyball courts, and landscape plants for screening. Earth disturbance was minimal and silt fencing and hay bales were used when necessary.

The third phase included the construction of a multi-purpose asphalt trail and the office/maintenance building. Future phase three projects include educational signage and overlooks, a play experience, and carry-in canoe access.

The asphalt trail extends the existing Fox River Trail from the northern edge of the park to the river access parking lot in two large loops. The path is 10' wide along the river and 8' wide through the park.

Three reservable picnic pavilions are available with electric, restrooms, fireplace, grill, and sand volleyball courts. They are easily accessible from the park road and the trails that wind through the park and along the Fox River. For reservations please call 262-548-7801.

Fox River Park is located in the Town of Waukesha at W264 S4500 River Road, on the corner of C.T.H. "H" and C.T.H. "I". For more information regarding the dedication, please contact Meghan Walsh in the County Executive's Office at (262) 548-7902.